and Internal Security generated a number of positive ideas and suggestions with potential to create new dimensions in India's ties with the diaspora.

(b) The Diaspora evinced keen interest in facilitating transfer of technology and promoting R & D cooperation in Defence and Internal Security Research Development with broad assurances of cooperation and involvement and with no concrete offers.

Placing India in CIA list of Nuclear Villains

273. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government protested against India being put on CIA list of Nuclear Villains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that such reports are generally engineered by the people within the US security agencies; and

(d) if so, whether it has been pointed out that India and Pakistan cannot be put in the same basket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) An Unclassified Report of CIA to the United States Congress on the Acquisition of Technology Relating to Weapons of Mass Destruction and Advanced Conventional Munitions for the period 1 July through 31 December 2001 released on January 07, 2003 referred to India along with other countries including Pakistan, as "secondary proliferators".

Government has, during official interactions with the United States, rejected such a description of India as baseless.

U.S. assurance to press upon Pakistan to end terrorism

274. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 7th January, 2003 that

Richard Haass, Director, Policy Planning Staff in Bush Administration promised that the U.S. would press Pakistan for an end to cross-border terrorism; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes.

(b) Pakistan's support to cross-border terrorism against India continues. Government believes that the international community, including the United States, must consider appropriate additional steps to ensure the fulfilment of the commitment that it has received from President Musharraf on ending cross-border terrorism against India.

Cooperation between India and South Korea in the defence sector

275. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and South Korea have agreed to intensify contacts in the defence sector;

(b) if so, whether both the countries have also agreed to initiate consultations on combating international terrorism in multilateral fora;

(c) whether any agreement between the two countries has been signed during his recent visit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) India and the Republic of Korea have agreed to enhance defence exchanges.

(b) Co-operation in the fight against terrorism is included in the Annual Foreign Office Consultations. The Republic of Korea supports India's proposal for a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.